

Clerk's Report: 2021 Annual Meeting

CLERK'S REPORT OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE NORTHPORT VILLAGE CORPORATION

AUGUST 10, 2021

The Annual Meeting of the Northport Village Corporation was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in Ruggles Park with 124 registered voters present. The Clerk opened the meeting by reading the Call and Return on the Warrant. The Annual Warrant had been posted in five locations within the Village and in the newspapers. The Warrant and Clerk's report of the Annual Meeting, 2020, had been included in the Annual Report, which was published more than two weeks before the meeting.

To open the Annual Meeting, John Spritz, retiring President of the NVC, led the villagers in the Pledge of Allegiance. He thanked, Bill Paige, George & Judy Metcalf, Gordon Fuller, Stephen Wright, Jeffrey Wilt and Lisa Fryer for setting up the tables and chairs from the Community Hall in the Park prior to the meeting.

Prior to the nomination of a Moderator, the Clerk asked that we took a moment to remember those family members, friends and neighbors who had passed away in the last year.

Barbara Page Bartusek  
Zion Daniel DesMarais  
Marilyn Dyer  
Norman James  
Craig Keith  
Joe Kernan  
Suzanna "Sooze" Martin Reardon  
Colleen Geagan Robbins  
Scott D. Sebold  
Jean Patricia Skellchock  
Dana Whitten

**Article 1:** To choose a Moderator, by written ballot, to preside at said meeting. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Lee Woodward. There were no nominations from the floor. Lee Woodward was elected Moderator of the Annual Meeting. The Moderator took the Oath of Office from the Clerk.

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting and reminded everyone to vote at the meeting you had to register to receive a pink voting card.

He noted that, as an order of business, there was a Citizen's Initiative to be voted on. He stated he would like to take a motion to place it at an appropriate place in the Warrant, so it was not overlooked and that it had a reasonable location. Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion that the Citizen's Initiative be placed immediately after Article 8 and before Article 9. Janae Novotny made the motion that the Citizen's Initiative be placed immediately after Article 8 and before Article 9, seconded by Mike Lannan. Hearing no discussion, he asked all in favor to raise their voting cards.

**VOTED:** Overwhelmingly passed

The Moderator recognized Judy Metcalf. She noted that John Spritz's three-year term as President had ended, and he declined to run again. She said she would like to begin with the two words John had started and ended every meeting as President, "Thank you".

**Article 2: President's Report**

John noted that his President's Report was on Page 17 of this year's Annual Report. He thanked everyone. He served as an Overseer for two years and President for five years...he credited this to Jo Huntoon and thanked him for corralling him and putting a heavy arm on his shoulder and convincing him to be President. He stated that he tried to live up to the office that Jo had led for many, many years as President.

John thanked all the Overseers' he had served with past and present, outgoing Treasurer Steve Kazilionis, incoming Treasurer, Wendy Huntoon, and Village Agent Bill Paige. In addition, John thanked three Overseers specifically: Janae Novotny, with a willing hand and willing heart for all her help; Mike Lannan, Chair of Infrastructure Committee, for making the seawall happen; and Judy Metcalf for her support, advice, and counsel in countless ways. John also thanked Beanie and Blair Einstein, who brought him here many years ago and has the good fortune to call them friends.

The Moderator asked for a vote to adopt the President's Report as written.

**VOTED** – Overwhelmingly approved.

**Article 3: Treasurer's Report**

Wendy Huntoon's report is on Page 18 on the Annual Report. To add to her report, she stated that the bond application for the seawall had been submitted and that the application was being processed with the Maine Municipal Bond Bank. She expected to hear at the end of August about the status of the application.

**Article 4:** To see what sums of money the Northport Village Corporation will raise and appropriate for the following accounts for the fiscal year 2021.

**OVERSEERS PROPOSED BUDGET**

**Expenses**

Total 6000 – Administration	\$ 27,931
Total 6199 – Employee Wages and Benefits	\$ 42,100
Total 6200 – Building and Utilities	\$ 17,075
Total 6290 – Roads	\$ 16,000
Total 6400 – Community	\$ 69,420
Total 6500 – Protection and Safety	\$ 30,920
Total 6900 – Long Term Debt Service	\$ 97,054
Total 8200 – Capital Expense and Contingencies	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$310,500</b>
<b>Total Funds to be Raised</b>	<b>\$310,500</b>

The money will be raised as follows: Funds will be requested from the Town of Northport (\$10,000) as reimbursement for municipal services provided by the Village which benefit the town as part of the warrants of the Town's Annual Meeting. The NVC expects to raise \$4,900 from other revenue (\$3,000 Utility rent, \$900

Interest, \$700 Community Hall Rental; \$300 Boat Registration.) The balance (\$295,600) is to be raised from the Village property tax. For each dollar of the municipal warrant not approved by the voters of the Town of Northport, it shall be raised from the Village property tax.

The Moderator said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 4 as printed. Dan Webster made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as printed, seconded by Blair Einstein.

**VOTED** – The Article was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

**Article 5:** To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to appropriate and authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation and/or expend funds from accumulated surpluses, a principal amount not to exceed \$290,700 in anticipation of 2022 taxes and to issue and sell for that purpose general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation, the proceeds to be used for the purpose of providing working capital for governmental activities of the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority at least of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation.

### Financial Statement

#### 1. Total Village Indebtedness

A. Total bonds outstanding and unpaid as of 12/31/2020	\$2,626,426
B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 732,238
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 295,600
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$232,238 of the sum included in line B)	
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>(\$ 232,238)</b></u> <b>\$3,422,026</b>

#### 2. Costs

At an estimated rate of 1.0% for a term of one year, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principal:	\$ 295,600
Interest	<u>\$ 2,956</u>
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 298,556</b>

#### 3. Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not by reason of the variance.

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 5 in its entirety as printed. Judy Metcalf made a motion that Article 5 be adopted as printed, seconded by Walter Hickman. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 5 as printed in the Warrant.

**VOTED** - Article 5 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

**Article 6:** To see if the Northport Village Corporation will vote to authorize a majority of the Overseers of the Corporation to borrow on behalf of the Northport Village Corporation a principal amount not to exceed \$500,000, and to issue and sell general obligation bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation for that purpose and/or to expend funds from accumulated surpluses (the combined borrowing and use of surplus funds not to exceed \$500,000), for replacement and repair of Community Hall and Wharf as needed, repairs to utilities operated by the Village Corporation for reconstruction of shoreline damage to property owned by the Northport Village Corporation or repairs of roads owned by the Corporation, such bonds and notes to be issued upon such further terms or conditions as may be determined by a majority of the Overseers of the Northport Village Corporation, and further to authorize the overseers to accept and expend federal or state grants, execute any and all contracts and documents and take any and all actions necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Northport Village Corporation and accomplish the Project.

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B. Total bonds authorized and unissued	\$ 732,238
C. Bonds to be issued if this article is approved	\$ 500,000
(NOTE: This bond would replace \$500,000 of the sum included in line B)	<u>(\$ 500,000)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,358,664</b>

#### 2. Costs

At an estimate rate of 4.0% for a term of 20 years, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

Principle:	\$ 500,000
Interest:	\$ 235,813
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$ 735,813</b>

#### 3. Validity

The validity of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue differs from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

John Spritz explained Article 6.

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 6 in its entirety as printed. Brady Brim Deforest made a motion that Article 6 be adopted as printed, seconded by Carl Oberg. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 6 as printed.

**VOTED** – Article 6 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

**Article 7:** To see if the Village will vote to use reserves to fund the 2022 Seawall Bond Payment on the \$1.6 MM Seawall Bond in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 (this includes the \$25,000 approved in 2020 and an additional \$25,000 in 2021). The Seawall Bond was authorized at the 2019 annual meeting.

Judy Metcalf wanted to remind the voters that because of the emergency meeting, August 7, which was publicly attended, publicly posted, that the Warrant published in the Annual Report was subsequently amended after the Annual Report was published to properly reflect new debt service related to the Seawall Project. A copy of the “Amended Warrant” is available at the voter registration desk.

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 7 in its entirety, as printed. Dan Webster made a motion that Article 7 be adopted as printed, seconded by Harry Rosenblum. Hearing no questions, the Moderator called for a vote on Article 7 as printed in the Warrant.

**VOTED** – Article 7 was overwhelming adopted as printed.

**Article 8:** To fix a rate of interest on taxes delinquent after September 1, 2021, equal to that charged by the Town of Northport

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt Article 8, in its entirety, as printed. Carl Oberg made a motion that Article 8 be adopted, seconded by Harry Rosenblum.

**VOTED** – Article 8 was overwhelmingly adopted as printed.

Moderator Woodward moved onto the Citizen’s Initiative which was agreed that, by vote earlier in the meeting, this Initiative would be addressed immediately after Article 8 and before Article 9. Lee Woodward indicated, because this was a Citizen’s Initiative, if any Overseer that wanted to speak on it would be speaking from the point of view of being from the public, not as an Overseer.

**Article 8A:** The Citizen’s Initiative: Demand for 10% Assessed Tax Rebate from the Town of Northport to the NVC.

Moderator Woodward said he would entertain a motion to adopt the proposed. Article 8A as printed. A “yes” vote means you are voting for the Initiative, a “no” vote is in opposition of the Initiative.

Vickie Matthews moved that the Citizen’s Initiative be adopted as written, seconded by Mike Lannan. The Moderator opened the floor for discussion.

Mike Lannan, 790 Shore Road, summarized the Article.

Judy Metcalf, 9 Maple Street, said that at the top of the Citizen's Initiative, the Overseers' had an opportunity to vote on whether they supported or endorsed the initiative. She wanted to remind the attendees that five out of seven Overseers were opposed to the Citizen's Initiative. However, our Bylaws allow us to have the opportunity to have such citizen's initiatives so that all the voices who want to, can be heard.

Bill Cressey, 3 Bayview Park, Janae Novotny, 7 Park Row, Michael Tirrell, 16 Ruggles Park, Judy Metcalf, 9 Maple Street, Sid Block, 16 Bay Street, David Crofoot 800 Shore Road, Jo Huntoon, Broadway, spoke against the proposed Citizen's Initiative.

Mike Lannan, 790 Shore Road, Vickie Matthews, Griffin Street, and Jim Coughlin, 497 Bluff Road, spoke in favor of the Initiative.

Hearing no further questions or comments, Moderator Woodward called for a vote on the Article, to signify by raising their voting cards, those in favor of the Initiative and those opposed to the Initiative.

**VOTED** – Citizen's Initiative overwhelmingly, but not unanimously, was rejected with four in favor and 120 opposed.

**Article 9** – To elect by written ballot a President for the NVC for a term of 3 years.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there was a nominee for President for a three-year term. Blair Einstein, representing the Nominating Committee, nominated Janae Novotny. There were no nominations from the floor. The Moderator asked the Committee to cast two written ballots for Janae Novotny.

**Article 10:** To elect by written ballot 3 Overseers for the NVC for terms of 3 years.

Moderator Woodward asked the Nominating Committee if there were nominees for the three Overseers position. Bill Cressey, representing the Nominating Committee nominated:

Brady Brim-DeForest, Victoria Matthews and Judy Metcalf.

Brady Brim-DeForest, new to the community of Bayside, give a brief introduction.

There were no nominations from the floor. The Moderator asked the Committee to cast two written ballots for each of the three Overseers.

**Article 11:** Reports of Committees

**Infrastructure:** Mike Lannan's report is on Page 19 of the Annual Report.

**Finance:** Judy Metcalf's report is on Page 20 of the Annual Report.

**Communications:** Lisa Fryer's report is on Page 21 of the Annual Report.

**Governance:** Judy Metcalf's report is on Page 22 of the Annual Report

**Safety:** Michael Tirrell's report is on Page 23 of the Annual Report

**Waterfront Safety Committee:** Jeffrey Wilt's report is on Page 26 of the Annual Report

**Trees:** Lisa Fryer's report on page 28 of the Annual Report.

**Personnel:** Janae Novotny's report is on Page 29 of the Annual Report.

**Utilities:** David Crofoot's report is on Page 30

**Village Agent:** Bill Paige's report is on Page 32 of the Annual Report.

**Wharfmaster:** Craig Brigham's report is on Page 33 of the Annual Report.

**Bayside Arts:** John Woolsey's report is on Page 34 of the Annual Report

**Bayside Historical Preservation Society:** Joe Reilly's report is on Page 35 of the Annual Report.

**Bayside Library:** Jennika Lundy's report is on Page 36 of the Annual Report.

**Northport Yacht Club:** Lisa Webster's report is on Page 37 of the Annual Report.

**Adjournment:** The Moderator entertained a motion to adjourn. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Einstein, Clerk  
Northport Village Corporation